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March 13, 2012

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
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Dear Supervisors:

ADOPTED

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

31 March 13, 2012

Sachi A. Hamai
SACHI A. HAMAI
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

**RESOLUTION TO APPLY FOR GRANT FUNDING FROM THE
CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION'S
ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE GRANT PROGRAM OF THE
TRANSPORTATION PLANNING GRANTS PROGRAM
FISCAL YEAR 2012-13
(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS)
(3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

This action is to adopt a resolution directing the Department of Public Works to apply to the California Department of Transportation for grant funding from the Environmental Justice Grant Program of the Transportation Planning Grants Program. The Department of Public Works has identified a project eligible for funding under the Environmental Justice Grant Program of the Transportation Planning Grants Program.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Adopt the resolution directing the Director of Public Works or her designee to submit an application for funding from the Environmental Justice Grant Program of the Transportation Planning Grants Program.
2. Delegate authority to the Director of Public Works or her designee to accept grant funding from the California Department of Transportation's Environmental Justice Grant Program of the Transportation Planning Grants Program and to execute any required grant agreements, and delegate authority to the Director of Public Works or her designee to act as the lead agent for the County of Los Angeles when conducting business with the involved government entities on all

matters related to this grant subject to the review and approval by County Counsel and notification to your Board and the Chief Executive Office.

3. Delegate authority to the Director of Public Works or her designee to execute amendments to the original grant agreement provided that any such amendments: (1) provide for additional grant funding in an amount not to exceed an increase of 10 percent of the original grant award; (2) improve efficiencies and/or clarity; (3) are consistent with the related funding agreement and the scope of the funded project; (4) approval of County Counsel or designee is obtained prior to any such amendment; and (5) the Director of Public Works or her designee notifies your Board and Chief Executive Office of amendments in writing within 30 days after the execution of each amendment.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of the recommended action is to adopt the resolution allowing the Department of Public Works (Public Works) to apply for a grant from the Environmental Justice Program within the California Department of Transportation's (Caltrans) Environmental Justice Grant Program of the Transportation Planning Grants Program. If awarded, the grant funding will be used to conduct a Safe Routes to School Workshop/Walkability Audit Project at schools where more than 75 percent of the students qualify for reduced or free lunch.

Once the schools have been identified, a consultant will be hired to hold workshops with parent and community groups, as well as enforcement agencies, to discuss concerns particularly walkability to and from school. The consultant will also conduct walkability audits with these stakeholders to identify possible pedestrian safety infrastructure improvements.

As a result of this action, the consultant will provide Public Works with at least two conceptual plans for improvements in the neighborhood areas in the vicinity of each school. Public Works may then use these conceptual plans to improve the neighboring areas or use the plans to apply for Safe Routes to School grants in a future grant cycle.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs the provision of Operational Effectiveness (Goal 1); Children, Family and Adult Well-Being (Goal 2); and Public Safety (Goal 5). Pedestrian safety infrastructure improvements around the schools will enhance the quality of life in the affected communities.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

Grant funding of up to \$250,000 from the Caltrans' Environmental Justice Grant Program of the Transportation Planning Grants Program will be used to fund contract services for development of the conceptual plans for improvements around the schools. Grant funds are limited to a 24-month period. The local match requirement is 10 percent of the awarded funds. Supervisorial Districts 1 and 2 have each agreed to finance \$10,000 of the required local match from their discretionary funds. Supervisorial District 4 has agreed to finance \$5,000 of the required local match from their discretionary funds.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Projects eligible for the Environmental Justice Grant Program of the Transportation Planning Grants

Program promote the involvement of minority and low-income communities in the planning for transportation projects to prevent or mitigate disproportionate, negative impacts while improving mobility, access, safety, and opportunities for affordable housing and economic development. Safe Routes to School studies are eligible project types for the Environmental Justice Grant Program.

As part of the application for the Environmental Justice Grant Program of the Transportation Planning Grants Program, Caltrans requires that the governing Board of the local agency adopt a resolution identifying the title of the person authorized to enter into a contract with Caltrans on behalf of the applicant as part of the application.

The enclosed resolution has been reviewed and approved as to form by County Counsel.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The adoption of the enclosed resolution does not constitute a project pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) because it is an activity excluded from the definition of a project by Section 15378(b) of the State CEQA Guidelines. This proposed action is an administrative activity of government, which will not result in direct or indirect physical changes to the environment.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

Current programs and services will not be impacted by the development of the proposed Safe Routes to School Workshop/Walkability Audit Project.

CONCLUSION

Please return one adopted copy of this letter and the original signed resolution to the Department of Public Works, Traffic and Lighting Division.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gail Farber".

GAIL FARBER

Director

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Enclosures

c: Chief Executive Office (Rita Robinson)
County Counsel (Warren Wellen)
Executive Office

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
AUTHORIZING AN APPLICATION TO THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF
TRANSPORTATION'S ENVIRONMENTAL GRANT PROGRAM OF THE
TRANSPORTATION PLANNING GRANTS PROGRAM FUND FOR
FISCAL YEAR 2012-13**

WHEREAS, the California Department of Transportation (hereinafter Caltrans) is authorized to identify projects eligible to receive funding under the Environmental Justice Grant Program of the Transportation Planning Grants Program for Fiscal Year 2012-13; and

WHEREAS, Caltrans issued its Notice of Funding inviting applications for Fiscal Year 2012-13, for the Environmental Justice Grant Program of the Transportation Planning Grants Program (hereinafter Planning Grants); and

WHEREAS, Caltrans regulations establish that Counties may apply for these funds; and

WHEREAS, the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works (hereinafter Public Works) has identified a project eligible for funding under the Environmental Justice Grant Program of the Transportation Planning Grants Program (hereinafter Environmental Justice Program); and

WHEREAS, Public Works has agreed to be the applicant on behalf of the County to seek the Planning Grant, to submit an application to Caltrans for receipt of an allocation of up to \$250,000 from the Environmental Justice Program, and thereafter administer projects undertaken through use of any grant funds received; and

WHEREAS, a Fund Transfer Agreement needs to be executed with Caltrans before such funds can be claimed through the Planning Grants; and

WHEREAS, Caltrans requires the applicant's governing body to certify by resolution: 1) the approval of proceeding with the applications; 2) the title of the person authorized to enter into the necessary agreements; and 3) that it has authorized execution of the Environmental Justice Program standard agreements, amendments, thereto and related program documents; and

WHEREAS, Public Works, through its Director or her designee, would enter into the above-referenced agreements with Caltrans for the Planning Grants.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ORDERED, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles that:

1. The Board approves: a) the filing of application by Public Works with Caltrans for up to \$250,000 from the Environmental Justice Program, contingent upon grant funds being available; and b) participation in the Planning Grants Program, consistent with constitutional and local law requirements and this resolution;
2. The Board certifies that the County has reviewed, understands, and to the extent consistent with all constitutional and local law requirements and this resolution agrees to the provisions contained in the application and program guidelines, documents, and agreements; and
3. The Board appoints and authorizes the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works' Director or her designee(s), and each of them as agent(s) of the County of Los Angeles, to conduct all negotiations, execute, and submit documents including, but not limited to the Environmental Justice Program standard agreements, applications, amendments, memoranda of understanding, payment request, and other necessary documents, which may be necessary for participation in said program and for completion of projects funded by said program, including any extensions or amendments of the aforementioned documents, subject to prior approval as to form by County Counsel.

The foregoing resolution was adopted on the 13th day of March, 2012, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles and ex officio of the governing body of all special assessment and taxing districts, agencies, and authorities for which said Board so acts.

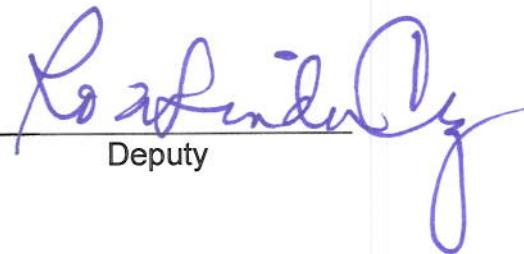


SACHI A. HAMAI
Executive Officer of the
Board of Supervisors of the
County of Los Angeles

By 
Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

JOHN F. KRATTLI
Acting County Counsel

By 
Deputy